Suddenly
from heaven
there came a sound
like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled
the entire house
where they were sitting
Acts 2:2

Soundings

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Graduates From Glendale

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Glendale Lutheran School in Burien graduated its first class of sixth graders with two students, Maddy Gatto and Brandon Wickham. The two students have been on the expanding edge of classes since they began. The school itself has been expanding since it was conceived in 1953. Next year's class of sixth graders will be larger and the one following larger yet.

Rev. Jan Nesse, Assisistant to the Bishop, presented the two students with shovels inscribed with "Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth," telling them that their legacy as well as their destiny was to "break ground." Nesse thanked the congregation for its leadership in ministry to children and families and underscored the importance of this ministry in years ahead as the church speaks to this culture. Pastor Phil Lee, Glendale Lutheran Church, and School Director Sherri Henry presented the children with certificates and Bibles on behalf of the congregation.

Maddy and Brandon led the children's choir in singing "I am a Child of this World" which

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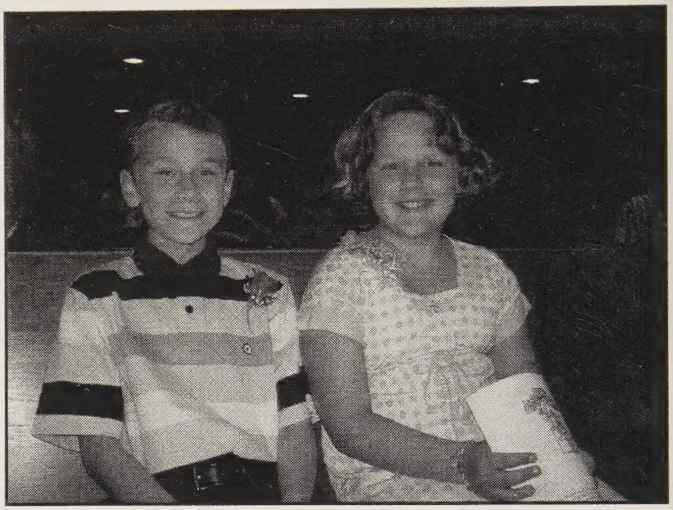
Glendale Graduates



demonstrated their leadership and gave voice to their conviction that they intend to make a difference in the world. The congregation celebrated the students, teachers, and the ministry in a potluck following the service on Sunday, June 10, 2007.

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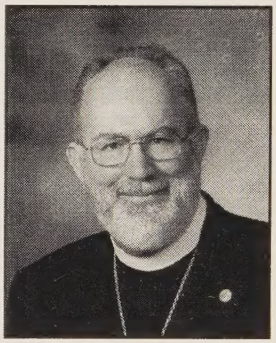
A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend
Wm Chris Boerger

"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers."
1 Timothy 4:12-16 NRSV

This text from 1 Timothy is one of the texts read at the installation of a pastor in a new ministry setting. It reminds us of the task that a pastor or other rostered leader assumes when they begin their service. It also reminds us of the ministry of the whole church.

When a pastor takes a new call or when a pastor retires, there is an almost universal response in the congregation. Do we have to have an Interim Pastor? Can we just elect a call committee and call our next pastor? These are normal responses to the grief of losing a faithful pastor. Our experience as a church body shows that the interim time is important for the congregation and that it sets up the ministry of the next pastor.

The interim period will last as long as the congregation needs. On average this time lasts from one year to 16 month interim period. That is not predictive, but rather descriptive of how long the process is taking in other congregations. Some congregations completed their work sooner. Others have used this time to explore their future ministry in ways that are more time consuming. It is always the congregation's leadership that determines how long this interim period lasts.

The fact remains that during this interim time period, the ministry of the congregation continues. It is not a time for a retreat from activity. It is a time for evaluation of the congregation's strengths and gifts and the expansion of ministry in the congregation. I tell the congregation council, at my first meeting after the pastor's announcement that he/she is leaving, they need to ensure that the ministry of the congregation continues or expands during the interim period.

We will be seeing increased mobility in this synod in the coming years. I want to commend the Interim Ministry process and our dedicated group of Interim Pastors. These will be important days for those congregations and their future planning. We want to walk with you in this time of refocus and redirection. But, until the new pastor arrives, do not neglect the gifts that God has given you for God's service.

Rev. Chris Berry and Scott Postlewait

Campus Pastors Say Thank You

Dear Members of the 2007 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly, Guests and Congregations:

Pastor Scott and I want to thank all of the congregations and individuals who have supported us through the years as your partners doing Campus Ministry in this Synod.

At this year's Synod Assembly you honored us with gifts of dozens of copies of the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship for use by our students. With these hymnals and the Minister's Desk Editions that you also purchased for us, our students will be able to worship "like we do at home" – that keeps a connection with their home congregations. For those congregations who are still interested you may drop off hymnals by one of at campus ministry sites, or call Pastor Scott or myself and we'll drop by and pick them up.

Finally, the offerings that were taken at the Synod Assembly were designated for the work at Covenant House (University of Washington) and the Shalom Center (Western Washington University). More than six thousand dollars was split between these two ministries. We give thanks to you – our Partners in Ministry – as we give thanks to God for all the blessings we receive as we bridge the gap between church and university.

We ask you to do three things: Please remember to send in your *Student Information Forms*; to add or remember Scott and Chris on your congregation's Staff List; and to include our Lutheran Campus Ministries in your prayers throughout the year.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve with you at Western Washington University and the University of Washington.

Rev. Chris Berry and Rev. Scott Postlewait

High School Students Off To College

It's that time of year to send off your high school graduates and to let them know about Lutheran Campus Ministry. Lutheran Campus Pastors provide an ELCA presence at more than 180 state and private colleges and universities, with cooperating congregations in campus ministry at an additional 600 campuses nationwide.

So for those graduates who are heading to college this fall, be sure to let Lutheran Campus Ministry know their names, contact information and the school they'll be attending. In this way they will have a connection on campus and be part of a community of believers where nurtured by the study of scripture and enlightened by the Spirit.

Send your referrals to Pastor Scott Postlewait, Lutheran Campus Ministry, 4525 19th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105, or email them to chscott@drizzle.com.

Reducing Hunger

Through ONELutheran

by Carol Wall
Northwest Washington
Hunger Committee

Millenium Development Goals at Half-Way Mark:

For over a year you have been asked to join the ONE Campaign. I urge you to act, if you have not already done so, and to sign up for the ELCA's e-advocacy program. We are at a time in history in our country where we can make an important impact on reducing hunger in the world, especially for the poorest people, who live on less than a dollar a day. Both your own church's ONELutheran program (www.elca.org/one) and Bread for the World (www.bread.org) offer a variety of faith-based resources.

The ONE goals include having part of the Millennium Development Goals achieved by 2015 and in September we will be half way there.

We are at a crucial time to be able to influence helping hungry people. As the presidential candidates and other candidates for office express their positions, be sure to listen and to ask where there priorities are in funding development for the poor. The ONE Campaign launched ONEVOTE 2008 on June 11th. Visit their website for more activities related to the election. See www.onevote08.org

Ask your congregation to order and use the new study guide *God's Mission in the World—An Ecumenical Christian Study Guide on Global Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals*. This guide is a joint effort of the ELCA Washington office and the Episcopal Church office of Government Relations. It can be ordered from Augsburg/Fortress.

Why do this? What is the call ? Whether pastor or laity our call to justice is pretty constant throughout the whole Bible. Micah 6:8 resounds in my mind. "Do justice, seek kindness and walk humbly with your God". Can it be any clearer?

The One Campaign asks that one percent of the US budget be dedicated to development and HIV/Aids assistance. Behind the message of the ONE Campaign is the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals established by the United Nations. The US part of that is funding the Millennium Challenge Account.

Please act today and sign up for e-advocacy and the ONE Lutheran Campaign. Its as easy as going to www.elca.org/advocacy.

You will find updated information from your NW Washington Synod Hunger Committee on the Synod website at www.lutheransnw.org and at our Northwest Washington End Hunger blog. Check it out at http://nwendhunger.blogspot.com/

This is an excerpt of the letter from the Northwest Washington Synod Hunger Committee. The full text can be found on the Synod's website at www.lutheransnw.org/committees.

Workshop For Financial Leaders

All financial leaders of your congregation are invited to participate at a workshop presented by the Synod Finance Committee. Treasurers, financial secretaries, bookkeepers, finance committee members and pastors are encouraged to attend.

This financial workshop will be held on Saturday, October 27, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Shoreline (14514 20th Ave NE, Shoreline; 206-363-8100).

Registration and coffee will start at 8:30 a.m. The workshop will begin promptly at 8:50 a.m. and end at noon. To regsiter, please download the registration form available on the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org/calendar.

The program will include presentations and discussions on financial policies, controls, audits, financial reporting, budgets, payroll and taxes as they relate to congregations. Some of the discussion will expand on the information include in the Region 1 Congregational Treasurer's Handbook, which your congregation should have. Please bring this handbook with you to the workshop.

If there are specific topics you would like to have discussed, please let us know as soon as possible. We also plan on having a sharing time between treasurers so you can find out what is working in other congregations. For more information please email Janet Shadle at jesgetc@aol.com.

Can You Hear Me Now?

The 16th Holden Theological Conference will be held from September 24-27. This year's topic is: *Can You Hear Me Now? Communicating the Gospel in the Post-Modern World* featuring the Rev. Dr. Burk (ELCA Worship Director) and the Rev. Dr. Maria E. Erling (LTS, Gettysburg). The event takes place at at Holden Village, Chelan, Washington. Download a brochure and registration form at www.lensnw.org.

Cost is $260 per person. This covers room, meals, cost of conference and regular round trip boat fare to and from Fields Point. Conference is limited to 225 persons on a first-paid, first-served basis. Registrations with full payment are due Saturday, August 25.

Open Door Ministries Auction

This year's Open Door Ministries Auction will take place from 5 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood. Costs is $65 per person or $650 for a table (10 people).

Richards Installed

Music was the theme for the installation of Pastor Jack Richards at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Everett on June 24. In addition to the Praise Team and Children's Choir joining together for *Days of Elijha*, and the Bell Choir playing the Lord's Prayer, a violin and drums were enjoyed throughout the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Pastor Richards begins his ministry at a significant time in this congregation's history as they approach their 50th anniversary in 2008. All were challenged by Pastor Richards to meet the needs of the quickly expanding neighborhood of Eastmont.

Synod Leadership Conference

Last year's conference, *Making Team Work*, was so well received that the Northwest Washington Synod Leadership Support Committee will sponsor its second conference, *Conflicts & Community: A Practical Workshop for Church Staffs.* Keynote speakers are Rev. John Beck, who works with Shalom Ministries, and Rev. Valinda Morse who works with Healthy Congregations. After each keynote presentation there will be time set aside for you to meet as a staff to address the topics covered.

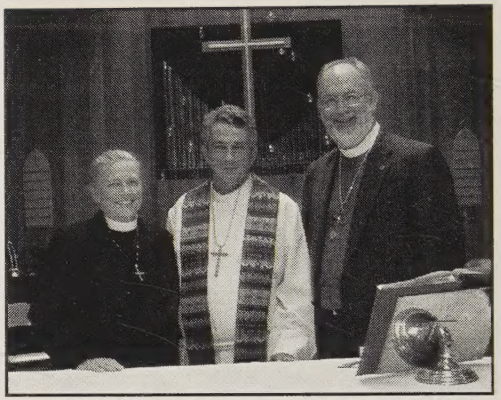
The conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood.

The conference will include informational and book displays. Cost is $45 (or $50 after August 20). More information is available at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Calendar.

Health And Hope Grants

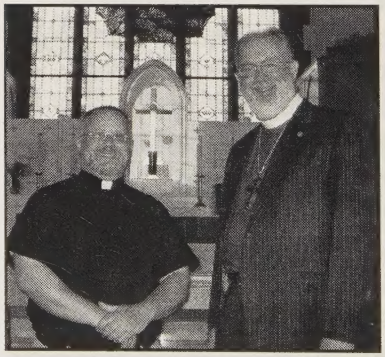
Since 1996, Wheat Ridge Ministries has provided *Congregation Health and Hope Grant awards* (one-time, matching grants up to $2,000) to Lutheran congregations initiating ministries of health and hope. Proposals are accepted between July 1 and September 30 of each year. In 2006 three congregations in our Synod received grants: St. Matthew Lutheran in Renton, St. Luke's Lutheran in Bellevue and Christ the King Lutheran in Snohomish. For more information, please visit www.wheatridge.org and click on Apply For A Grant.

Rev. Ross Installed



Rev. Michael Ross comes from New Mexico in the Rocky Mountain Synod and expressed his joy at being back in the Northwest. Rev. Ross accepted a call at Edmonds Lutheran Church in Edmonds. The congregation, which was formed by the consolidation of Christ, St. Matthews, and St. Peter by the Sea, has been in transition, developing its mission and identity for the last several years. The installation service on June 10 included much music as well as the cathedral choir, the bell choir, ensembles, and Pastor Ross's own additional singing in the sermon and the liturgy. The congregation members expressed enthusiasm and excitement as they begin this new leg of the journey. Bishop Boerger, who preached and presided over the installation, pointed out that this was not so much a beginning as a continuation of listening to the call of the Holy Spirit to shape themselves for the sake of God's mission in Edmonds and in the world.

Barry Fritz Ordained

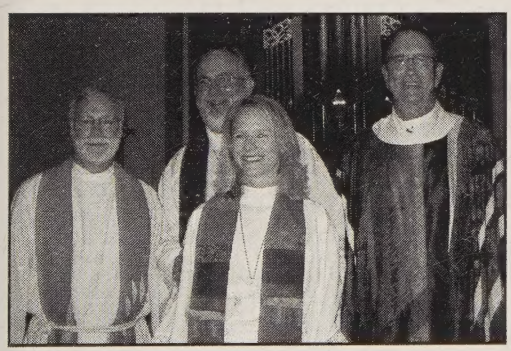


Barry Fritts was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament on July 7 at First Lutheran Church in Ballard. Rev Erik Wilson Weiberg, one of the pastors of First Lutheran, noted in his sermon that the date 7-7-7 was auspicious for many reasons, but that God's grace trumped the numerology. Bishop Chris Boerger presided at the ordination while Rev Laurie Jones, also a pastor at First Lutheran, presided at the Eucharist. Pastor Barry will begin serving his first call at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Friedensburg, Penn., on July 29. However, he will return to Ballard on August 18 to marry his fiancé, Marney McArthur.

Rev. Peterson Installed

Pastor Mark Peterson was installed on June 17 as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Redmond. Pastor Peterson comes to our synod from Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Othello, in the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod. Mark's father, the Rev. Robert Peterson, served Emmanual Lutheran Church in Bremerton when Mark was in high school and so Mark is returning to his roots here in the Northwest. A quick glance at the boxes left to be unpacked in his office demonstrates his priority of being "with the people" rather than in his office. He said he hopes to be moved in in the next couple of weeks but the eagerness of the congregation and the affiliated school will determine the rate at which that might happen.

Sara Wolbrecht Ordained



Sara Wolbrecht was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, July 9, at Faith Lutheran Church in Redmond where she was baptized and confirmed. Rev. John LaMunyon, representing Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, Sammamish, where Sara attended as an adult and from which she left to go to seminary, presided at the service. From a long line of pastors, Sara was presented a family heirloom cross during the service by her father, Rev. Tim Wolbrecht. It had been first presented to her grandfather, Dr. Walter F. Wolbrecht, by the Lutheran Church in Nigeria. Rev. Kevin Murphy from St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Walnut Creek, Calif., preached while Bishop Chris Boerger presided at the ordination. Pastor Sara will join the pastoral staff at St. Matthew where her husband, Jason Bendickson, is the worship leader.

Update

ELCA Board of Pensions

- **Paying A Different Amount Than Billed**—If the amount you pay for ELCA benefits contributions is different than the amount billed, please complete the Explanation of payment form included in your monthly billing statement. Learn more at https://www.elcabop.org/BenefitsAdmin/Understanding_your_bill.aspx
- **Average Preliminary 2008 Contribution Rate Increase**—The ELCA Board of Pensions announced that the *preliminary overall rate increase* for the 2008 ELCA Health Benefits Plan is five percent. Last year's increase was seven percent. In August, final rates will be established and publicized. This increase reflects continued favorable investment returns on the trust assets and lower-than-expected claims due, in part, to increased use of generic prescription drugs.
- **What Employers Need To Know About 2008 PPO Benefits Changes**—Find out about the two percent discount on health plan contributions and how you can help make it a reality. Learn about the new 2008 Flexible Spending Account benefit at https://www.elcabop.org/benefitsadmin/plan_chgs_employer.aspx
- **Special Needs Retirement Fund**—Are you looking for a ministry for which you can make a special gift? The ELCA Special Needs Retirement Fund provides extra retirement income to retirees and surviving spouses living with extremely low incomes. Learn more at https://www.elcabop.org/PlanFuture/SNRF.aspx
- **Launching An ELCA Conversation On Wellness**—Health and wellness affects the health of our pastors, staff and congregations, the cost of health coverage, and our ability as a church to have positive impact on the world. To begin the conversation, the Board of Pensions is featuring the faces and voices of members willing to share thoughts on the value of wellness at https://www.elcabop.org/LiveWell/Wellness_voices.aspx
- **Your Child's Health Coverage**—Did you know that children of sponsored members between the ages of 19 and 25 who lose full-time student status are eligible to purchase continuing health coverage for 18 months? Learn more at https://www.elcabop.org/ManageMyLifeChanges/Child_going_to_college.aspx.
- **Long-term Care Insurance**—As life expectancy continues to rise, so does the need to consider the potential cost of long-term care when planning for your retirement years. One way to pay for some (if not all) of the cost is by purchasing long-term care insurance. This Standard & Poor's article provides useful information: https://www.elcabop.org/PlanFuture/Investment_education/LTC_Ins.aspx.

A Visit To Russia

A trip to attend the dedication of St. Peter & Paul Lutheran Cathedral in Moscow on September 30 is being planned by Team Russia of the Northwest Washington Synod.

Under the Soviet regime the cathedral had been used as a media production facility. The cathedral needed total renovation once it was returned to the church in the the 1990s. Despite innumerable obstacles this historic edifice is reaching completion, driven by the relentless faith and determination of Bishop Siegfried Springer, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Russia and Other States. Because of its historic role in Moscow, Russian state support was given. The dedication will be a miraculous, moving, memorable event.

The group will fly to Moscow from Seattle on Saturday, Sept. 28. After a few days of sightseeing the group will continue on to St. Petersburg, returning to Seattle around Oct. 9 . Round trip air fare will be approximately $1000. Additional costs include a visa, accommodations (hotel or possibly a home stay) and meals. Deadline to sign up for this trip is August 1, 2007. Please contact Pastor Howell at 425-454-4344, glcpastor@integra.net; or Eva Mader 425-453-1071, evamader@aol.com.

Bethlehem in Marysville

Endows Their Astrakkan, Russian Partnership

In June worshippers at Bethlehem in Marysville heard the presentation of the BLC 2007 Endowment Fund distribution.

As decided when the fund was established, every third year the nominated ministry would reflect Bethlehem's relationship to the Church elsewhere in the world. This year's selection is about as far from Marysville as one could imagine: St. Peter and Paul's Lutheran Gospel Community in Astrakhan, Russia.

Located near the Caspian Sea and the terminus of the Volga River Delta region, Astrakhan is a city of several hundred thousand who are shaking off their Communist past. After some 70 years of persecution, the Christian congregations of the community are enjoying newfound freedoms, including the return of properties confiscated back in the 1920's. For St. Peter and Paul's Parish, this meant the return of several aged buildings in serious disrepair. Several years ago, five members of Bethlehem witnessed the formal transfer of title from the government to Pastor Vera Sauer and her congregation.

Restoration projects have been prioritized and will be completed as money and volunteers are available to accomplish each step. Bethlehem's Endowment gift of $2200 will be hand carried to Pastor Vera by our Synodical Russian Partnership Coordinator, Eva Mader, of Grace in Bellevue. Thanks be to God for working together to bring such a tangible expression of encouragement and hope halfway around the globe.

News and Notes

- On Friday, June 22, **Rev. Scott Kramer, Lakeridge Lutheran in Seattle,** was featured in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in their Wheels section. The picture showed Pastor Kramer with his 1991 Honda Civic Hybrid. He was also featured in the blog for The Lutheran magazine at www.thelutheran.org.
- Nearly two years have passed since the most devastating hurricane season on record. In the time that has passed, thousands of faithful volunteers have given of themselves to help their neighbors in need. **Lutheran Disaster Response** has coordinated more than 1.3 million hours of volunteer service along the Gulf Coast. Many congregations in our synod have participated or are participating in the volunteer effort: **Cross and Crown in Renton, Morning Star in Monroe, Holy Spirit in Kirkland, Grace Lutheran in Des Moines and Camano Lutheran on Camano Island.**
- A group of six volunteers from **Holy Spirit in Kirkland** travelled to Ocean Springs, MS, from July 22-29 to help with the rebuilding effort from Hurricane Katrina. This is the third group to go from HSLC since late 2006. The group will work with Lutheran Disaster Response and Christus Victor Lutheran Church at Camp Victor. On our previous trips, they were able to complete repairs to several homes, enabling the families to move back in, and they were looking forward to making this possible for additional families this summer.
- Tent City IV will be at **St. Luke's Lutheran in Issaquah** on August 11.
- With summer vacations and outings and leisure time, some families might have difficulty attending Sunday morning services. This summer several congregations are offering mid-week services: **Our Saviour's in Arlington, Faith in Bellingham, Prince of Peace in Everett, Queen Anne in Seattle and Kent in Kent.**
- **Bethany in Seattle** recently allocated $10,000 from the interest income of their Endowment Fund for the Lutheran World Federation sponsored Mount of Olives Housing Project in Jerusalem.
- **Jan Cherry and Troy Faith** are completing their studies to become Diaconal Ministers and have been approved for call in the ELCA.
- **Tammy Zarfos** has completed her studies to become as Associate in Ministry and has been approved for call in the ELCA.
- If you happened to stop at the WSDOT Rest Area south of Everett on I-5 between July 13 and 16 you just might have run into some fellow Lutherans. Volunteers from **Prince of Peace in Shoreline** handed out coffee, cookies and other sundries.

Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

We continue to hold in our prayers:

† **The Rev. John Ericksen and his wife, Marita**
† **The Rev. Ed Kasten (ret.)**
† **The Rev. Robert V. Rieke (ret.)**
† **The Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
† **The Rev. Gerald (Jerry) Sundby (ret.)**
† **The Rev. Paul Wuest**

We pray for:

† Ruth Hickmon, mother of Terry Overall and mother-in-law of **Pastor Karen Hanson, Luther Memorial in Seattle,** died suddenly on May 13 in Houston, Texas. Cards may be sent to: Terry Overall and Karen Hanson, Luther Memorial, 13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle WA 98133.

† **The Rev. Norman Nelson (ret.)** died June 5 at the Tacoma Lutheran Home in Tacoma. Norman has been in nursing care for an extended time due to failing health. Norman and Gloria have resided in the Tillamook, Oregon area for the past ten years. Cards and greetings may be sent to Gloria and family at 5570 4th Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141. Pastor Nelson served two congregations in Seattle: Bethany and Calvary. Peace to his memory.

† **The Rev. Luther Gabrielsen (ret.)** has begun twice-weekly dialysis treatments. Please keep him in your prayers for healing.

† **The Rev. Waldemar (Wally) Hintz (ret.)** died on June 26. A service will be held later in August. Cards may be sent to: Mrs. Louise Hintz, Queen Anne Manor, 100 Crockett St #412, Seattle, WA 98109.

† **The Rev. Dan Shaw, pastor at Zion in Kent,** who has recently been called-up for active duty with the Marine Corps in Iraq.

† Congratulations to **David Swartling** who has been listed in a New York Times Washington Supplement as one of Washington's Top 100 lawyers. (David Swartling has acted as parlamentarian at our recent Synod Assembly and at the 2005 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. He is also the Director for the Luthearn Planned Giving Consortium for Western Washington.)

† At the regular Tuesday worship and synod staff meeting, we pray for our pastors, churches and members. We pray for our congregations who are sending youth on mission trips. We pray for congregations as they hold Vacation Bible School. We pray for all those travelling to Chicago for the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. We pray for the people of Iraq and the people of Afghanistan and all people experiencing concern. We pray for peace.

Within Our Family depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.

New Puget Sound Coordinator

Lutheran Volunteer Corps has named the Rev. Darla DeFrance the Puget Sound Coordinator, responsible for LVC's program in Washington State. The LVC staff, volunteers and local leaders are excited that Darla will bring her passion for social justice, her pastoral and administrative skills, and her excellent communication abilities to LVC. Darla began on July 9. Her office is at Gethsemane in Seattle; 206-709-8690 or PugetSound@LutheranVolunteerCorps.org.

Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

	Location/Event	Effective Date
Calls Accepted		
Mark Bankson	Our Saviour's, Stanwood	6/15/2007
Kristy J Daniels	Compass Center, Seattle	6/15/2007
Anna Hollingbery, Diaconal Minster	Seattle Cancer Care Alliance	6/18/2007
Julie G Martin	Lutheran Youth of North Seattle	7/16/2007
Mark Peterson	Faith, Redmond	6/1/2007
Marie Preftes-Arenz, Associate in Ministry	Faith, North Lakewood	7/15/2007
Jack Richards	Prince of Peace, Everett	6/1/2007
Michael Ross	Edmonds, Edmonds	5/29/2007
Installations		
Mark Bankson	Our Saviour's, Stanwood	7/22/2007
Mark R Peterson	Faith, Redmond	6/17/2007
Jack Richards	Prince of Peace, Everett	6/24/2007
Michael Ross	Edmonds, Edmonds	6/10/2007
Ordinations/Commissionings		
Anna Hollingbery, Diaconal Minister	Spokane, Washington	6/16/2007
Marie Preftes-Arenz, Associate in Ministry	Faith, North Lakewood	7/15/2007
Barry Fritz	First, Ballard	7/7/2007
Sara Wolbrecht	Faith, Redmond	7/8/2007
Resignations		
Lisa Dahlen	Crown, Seattle	7/7/2007
Marillyn Schultz Rothermel	First, Bothell	8/17/2007
Michael Schultz Rothermel	First, Bothell	8/17/2007
Retirement		
Edward F. Markquart	Grace, Des Moines	6/1/2007

Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.

(Transitions can be found on page 14.)

Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

In Call Process	Position	Status	Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor
Everett, Faith	PR	TR	Dick Wendt, Interim
Everett, Trinity	PR	TR	Chris Anderson, Interim
Everett, Zion	PR	TR	Stuart Lundahl, Interim
Issaquah, Our Savior	A/SP	P	Larry Thomas, Lead Pastor
Kirkland, Holy Spirit	A	TR	Mike Anderson, Lead Pastor; Kathryn Buffum, Interim
Maple Valley, Shepherd of the Valley	PR	I	Woody Carlson, Interim
Marysville, Bethlehem	PR	NV	Bill Walles, Pastor; Neil Snider, Interim
Mercer Island, Holy Trinity	PR	TR	Paul Fauske, Co-Pastor; Kathleen Anderson, Interim Co-pastor
Point Roberts, Trinity	PR	TR	Supply
Renton, St. Matthew	A/SP	C	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
SeaTac, Prince of Peace	PR	I	Martha Myers, Interim; Conrad Tollefson, Pastor
Seattle, Calvary	PR	TR	Supply
Seattle, Crown	PR	NV	Supply
Seattle, Luther Memorial	PR	TR	Karen Hanson, Interim
Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood	PR	TR	Supply
Shoreline, First Richmond Beach	PR	C	Maynard Atik, Interim
Stanwood, Freeborn	PR	TR	Supply
Woodinville, Wooden Cross	PR	I	Tim Wolbrecht, Interim

Mobility Position Key:

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

Mobility Status Key:

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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